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R. Amicable Society
An ABSTRACT of the Original
and Supplemental CHARTERS
of the CORPORATION of
the AMICABLE SOCIETY for
a Perpetual ASSURANCE-
OFFICE.

An Abstract of the Original Charter.



THE CHARTER, reciting the Pe- Title of the Corpo-
tition of Mr. *John Hartley*, and o- ration.
thers, incorporates the Lord Bishop
of *Oxon*, Sir *Thomas Aleyn* Baronet,
and others, by the Name of *The Ami-*
cable Society for a Perpetual Assurance Office.

With Power to purchase any Manors, Lands, To purchase Lands;
Tenements, Hereditaments, &c. not exceeding Goods, and Chattels,
2,000 *l. per Annum.*

And to purchase any Goods and Chattels.

And to aliene such Goods, Lands, &c.

And sue and be sued.

Sue and be sued.

And to have a common Seal alterable at Plea- To have a Seal.
ture.

All Persons hereafter to be admitted Members Lives admitted to
of the said Society, to be esteem'd Members of be Members of the
the Corporation. Corporation, not to
exceed 2,000 Mem-
bers,

The Number of Persons to be incorporated not
to exceed 2,000, but may be less.

Each Member must pay, during, and upon his 6 *l. 4 s. per Annum*
or her life 6 *l. 4 s. per Ann.* and on his or her and Nominees to
Decease, his or her Nominee or Nominees, will receive Claims.
be intitled to a Dividend as hereafter mentioned.

Each Subscriber may (as often as he or she —may be changed;
pleases) change his Nominee or Nominees, upon
Delivery of his or her former Policy, and paying

Register 5 s.

Joint Stock 5 s.

Members in the
room of Deaths, 10 s.

Payments to be
made quarterly.

Every Member to
have a Policy.

Twelve Directors.

One Register.

First Directors
Names.

2s. for a new one. Each and every of the first Two thousand Members, on Admittance into the Society shall pay to the Register for Entrance Money 5 s. for his own use, and 5 s. to the Joint Stock of the Company, except in Cases of transferring or changing the Policy. After Two thousand Persons are admitted into the Society, every new Member that shall be admitted into the Place of such as die, shall pay 10 s. to the Joint Stock, and 6 l. 4 s. *per Annum*, which Payments are to be made monthly, quarterly, or otherwise, as the Directors or a General Court shall think fit.

Each Member at the time of his or her first Payment, to receive a Policy under the Corporation Seal, intitling his or her Nominee or Nominees to a Dividend on the decease of such Member.

That there be Twelve Persons to be called Directors, chosen out of the Members of the said Society.

That there be one Register.

That Sir Thomas Aleyne Baronet, Thomas Ayliffe, L.L.D. William Branthwayt Esquire, John Branthwayt M.D. John Broughton A.M. Nathaniel Carpenter Merchant, William Clements L.L.D. John Harris D.D. Charles Higgs Gent. Richard Mount Stationer, Robert Pierston Gent. and John Ward of Hackney Merchant, be the first Directors to continue till the 25 of March, 1707. and until Twelve others are chosen.

The Directors to be sworn by the Register, for the due Execution of that Office.

Mr. John Hartley Stationer, to be the first and present Register, to execute the said Office by himself, or his Deputy or Deputies, for whom he will be answerable during his Life, and in case of Death before the Expiration of 14 Years, his Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to hold the Office in like manner for the rest of the Term.

The present Register, during his Life (or in case of his Death) within 14 Years, his Executors

tors or Administrators, during the Residue of that Term to have for the Execution of the said Office, a Salary of 200 *l. per Annum* of the Company, if only 1,000 Members; and 300 *l. per Annum*, if 2,000, payable quarterly; beside the 5 *s.* a piece Entrance Money, of the first 2,000 Members.

Every Register, or his Deputy, before he executes that Office, to take an Oath before Three or more of the Directors, for the due Execution of that Office. Register to be sworn.

A sixth part only of the First Year's 6 *l.* Payments or Contributions, to be divided amongst the Nominees of the Members dying that Year, to be computed from the 25th of *March*, 1706. A 6th Part of the Contributions to be divided the first Year.

That 4,000 *l.* shall be divided the 2d Year, 6,000 *l.* the 3d Year, 8,000 *l.* the 4th Year, and 10,000 *l.* the 5th Year, and every Year after that 10,000 *l.* or so much more as the General Court shall think fit. 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, Years Dividend.

Or in case there be not full 2,000 Members, those Dividends to be in proportion to each Year's Payments of the 6 *l. per Annum*. If not 2,000 Members the Dividend to be in Proportion.

The Residue of the annual Payments and Stock to be reserved and improved at Interest, and by granting Annuities to Members of the Corporation only for the Benefit of the Members of the Corporation, according to their respective Interests. The remaining Stock to be improved for the benefit of the Members.

The Directors, or any Seven or more of them, may assemble and hold Courts, for the managing the Affairs of the Corporation in any convenient Place, within the Cities of *London* and *Westminster*, as often as they think fit. Seven Directors may hold Courts.

Which Court shall be called a COURT of DIRECTORS.

The Affairs of the Corporation to be managed at such Courts of Directors, according to the Powers in the Charter, and the Rules and By-laws made pursuant thereunto and agreed on at General Court of the Corporation. Affairs of the Corporation to be managed by the Directors.

The Directors, or any Seven of them, and so many General Courts not to consist of less than 20 Members.

many of the Members as think fit (not less than Twenty) may assemble in any Place convenient in *London* and *Westminster*, or the Suburbs thereof, from time to time, and shall be called a *General Court*.

To make By-laws.

The Majority of Members, assembled at a General Court, may make By-laws and Ordinances for the good Government of the Corporation, and the Members thereof.

Penalties may be imposed on Breakers of By-laws.

And may impose Penalties on Offenders against, and Breakers of such By laws, Rules, &c.

And may annul, alter, and mitigate such Penalties as they see Cause.

By-laws not to be repugnant to the Laws of the Land or any Corporation.

Such By-laws, Fines, &c. not to be repugnant to the Laws of the Land, or to the Prejudice of any other Corporation.

Directors when to be chosen.

The Members assembled in a General Court on the 25th of *March* yearly, or within 40 Days after, shall choose new Directors, who shall continue for One Year, or till others are chosen.

Four or more of the Directors to be continued.

There shall always be Four or more of the Directors who served the preceeding Year (if so many then shall inhabit within the Bills of Mortality) continued in the said Office of Directors the succeeding Year, to instruct the rest.

If a Director die, the other Directors to choose another.

If any Directors die within a Year after the Election, or act contrary to his Trust in that Office (in the Judgment of a Majority of the Directors) or refuse, or neglect to act therein, or take the Oath of a Director, or in case of the Removal of any Director, or other Vacancy in that Office, the rest of the Directors may choose and swear another in his stead, or otherwise, as shall be determined in a General Court.

Directors to choose a Chairman, who shall have the casting Voice.

In all Meetings of the Court of Directors, or other Courts of the said *Amicable Society*, it shall and may be lawful for the Directors for the time being, or the major part of them when assembled, to choose one of the Directors then present, to be *Chairman* of the same Courts, who

who in Case of Equality of Votes, shall have the casting Voice.

No Member to have more than one Vote in the Choice of Directors. One Member to have but one Vote.

New Directors, when chosen, to be sworn before three or more of the former Directors. Directors to take an Oath.

The Twelve Directors impowered to call and hold Courts, for the Management of the Affairs of the Corporation. Directors to hold Courts,

And to determine Controversies relating thereto. determine Controversies.

And to approve or reject Members, as to them shall seem meet. — may approve or reject Members,

And to choose or remove inferior Officers. choose and remove Officers.

Members living in the Country may constitute Attorneys, by Writing under Hand and Seal to manage their Affairs in the Company, other than in the Choice of Directors. Members may vote by Proxy, except in the Choice of Directors.

A Register Book or Books to be kept for registering and entring the Names, Titles, Ages, and Places of Abode of the Subscribers, and of the Nominees of such Members, and of the Sums of Money received and paid, and the Time when and to whom paid. Register Book to be kept.

Which Book or Books all Persons having any Interest in the Joint-Stock or Dividends, to have recourse unto, and inspect without Fee or Reward. — to be seen by any Person interested in the Joint Stock, gratis.

An authentick Certificate to be produced to the Directors on the Death of each Member, of the Place where, and the Time when each Member died, which shall be filed by the Register, or some other Person, and produced by him or them, to every Member desiring to see the same at the end of the Year. Certificates of Deaths.

Power is given to the Company to purchase, hold, and enjoy, Lands, Tenements, &c. of 2,000*l.* per Annum. Society may purchase not exceeding 2000 *l.* per Ann.

And Licence is given to any Person or Persons, to aliene Lands and Tenements of that Value to the Company. Any one may sell Lands, &c. to the Society.

Judges, Justices,
&c. to be assisting.

To raise a Joint
Stock for the Bene-
fit of the Members.

All Judges Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Sheriffs, &c. and all other Officers whatsoever, are commanded to be aiding and assisting to the *Company* and their Officers, in the Execution of the QUEEN's Pleasure declared in the *Charter*.

Power is given to the *Company* to raise a Joint Stock, for the Purposes in the *Charter* mentioned for the Benefit of them and their Successors, according to the respective Interests of the Members; and the same to augment or diminish at pleasure.

An ABSTRACT of the *Supplemental Charter*.

No Member to vote
in General Courts
but such as are real
Contributors on
their own Lives.
Any two Directors
shall have Power
to administer an
Oath, &c.

The Form of the
Oath.

Any Person or Per-
sons refusing to take
such Oath to be ex-
cluded from ballot-
ing, voting, or act-
ing at any General
Court.

1st. IT is thereby ordained, that no Member shall have any Right to vote or act in any General Court, except only such as are real Contributors on his or her own Life. That any two or more of the Directors shall have power at any General Court to administer an Oath to any Member who pretends or insists to have a Vote or Ballot at any Election for Directors, or making of By-laws, or any other matter or thing which shall concern the Corporation, which Oath shall be to the Effect following, *viz.* That such Person or Persons is or are lawfully possessed of a Policy in the said Corporation, on his, her, or their own Life or Lives, and is or are a Contributor or Contributors thereto, in his, her, or their own Right, and not otherwise. In Case of Refusal to take such Oath or Oaths, by any such Person or Persons, upon Tender thereof by any Two or more of the Directors, the aforesaid Person or Persons so refusing shall be excluded from balloting, voting, or acting at General Courts as a Member of the said Corporation.

2^{dly}, That it shall and may be lawful for any Two or more of the Directors to administer Oaths to any Person or Persons as will voluntarily

rily take the same, concerning the State of Health of any Person that shall be proposed to be admitted a Member, or relating to the Death of any Member, or in relation to any Policy which shall be lost, and for which Application shall be made in order to have a new Policy in Exchange for the same; and also to examine upon Oath the Auditors of the Accounts of the Society, if any such Persons will voluntarily take such Oath.

Any two Directors may administer Oaths to any Person as will voluntarily take the same, as to the state of Health of any Person to be admitted, &c.

3dly, That no Monies of the Corporation shall at any time be lent or placed out but on Land or Government Securities, except on Claims, before such time as the same shall respectively become due, and that all Claims to be made out of the Monies appointed to be annually divided, shall from time to time be paid as of the current Year, wherein such Claims are made appear to be due and allowed by the Directors, and not otherwise.

No Money to be lent on any other Security than Land or Government, except on Claims. And that all Claims shall be paid the current Year, &c.

4thly, And whereas by the Original Charter all Members are to pay certain annual Sums by quarterly Payments, without which the yearly Dividends to Claimants cannot be made, or the Corporation subsist, if the Contributors run in Arrear, without being subject to Forfeitures and Exclusion for such Default; It is ordained and directed that if any Member or their Nominees shall be in Arrear one Year and one Quarter of a Year, then their respective Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, shall be absolutely excluded from all Benefit and Advantage by virtue of any such Policy or Policies; Provided always, That no such Forfeiture shall be incurred, unless Notice shall be first given in the Gazette, of the time so in Arrear, and that if the same shall not be paid within Three Kalendar Months after such Publication, such Forfeiture will be incurred, nor unless Default be made in the Payment thereof before the End of the said Three Months.

Any Member being in Arrear one Year and one Quarter of a Year to be absolutely excluded.

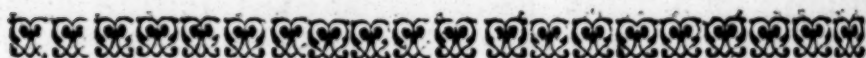
Notice to be given in the Gazette of the Time in Arrear, &c.

5thly,

These Letters Patent
good, &c.

Date of the Supple-
mental Charter.

5thly, That these our Letters Patents, or In-
rollment, or Exemplification thereof shall be
firm, good, valid, sufficient, and effectual in
the Law according to the true Meaning thereof,
notwithstanding the not fully or truly reciting
the said Letters Patents, of the Date thereof, or
any Omission, Imperfection, &c. In Witness
whereof we have caused these our Letters to be
made Patents. Witness our self at *Westminster*,
the 16th of *January*, in the Third Year of our
Reign, *Anno Domini 1729*.



*Copy of the Second By-law made the 25th
of February, 1713.*

That every Member shall pay One Pound
Eleven Shillings quarterly, on the Four most u-
sual Quarter Days; and those who shall not pay
his or her quarterly Payments within Thirty
Days after each Quarter Day, shall forfeit to the
Joint Stock, for the First Quarter's Neglect, One
Shilling; for two successive Quarters, Three
Shillings; and for Three successive Quarters
Six Shillings; and for four successive Quarters
Ten Shillings.

BY-LAW

BY-LAWS
OF THE
CORPORATION
OF THE
AMICABLE SOCIETY

For a Perpetual

ASSURANCE-OFFICE,

Read and approved of at Two successive General Courts of the said CORPORATION, and confirm'd the 15th Day of February, 1732.

I. **T**HAT all By-laws of this Corporation Former By-laws abrogated. made before the Fifteenth Day of *February*, 1732 (except the second By-law made the Except the second. Twenty Fifth of *February*, 1713. so far as the same relates to Forfeitures already incurred) be annulled ; and that the following be the By-laws of this Corporation. And that no Resolution of any General Court of this Corporation shall be, or be deemed to be, a By-law of this Corporation, until the same shall be approved by a Majority of the Members present at the next General Quarterly Court, or any other General Court that shall be appointed for that Purpose.

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II. That

Members Ages limited.

None to be admitted without Consent of 7 Directors.

Persons living within 15 Miles from London must appear in Person,

or

deliver in a List of Seven, or leave it to the Directors to nominate One.

Those who live above 15 Miles from London may be admitted by Certificates and an Affidavit.

Provided they are House-keepers paying Scot and Lot.

To pay 17. 11s. quarterly.

II. That no Person be admitted a Member of this Corporation who is under the Age of Twelve Years, or above Forty Five, except in the Exchange of Policies. And that no Person whatsoever be admitted a Member of this Corporation, without the Approbation and Consent of at least Seven of the Directors in their Court assembled.

III. That no Person be admitted a Member of this Corporation, who shall live in London, or within Fifteen Miles thereof, that doth not appear in Person before the Court of Directors, and there voluntarily make Oath, That he or she is in a good State of Health, and hath been so for Six Months then past; Except in the Case where a List (containing not less than Seven House-keepers living near each other, or other noted Persons living within the Bills of Mortality) shall be proposed to the Court of Directors for their Choice of one; Except also, where it shall be left to the Court of Directors to nominate a Person publickly known.

IV. That Persons living above Fifteen Miles from London, may be admitted Members of this Corporation by Certificates under the Hands of the Minister and Church-wardens or Church-warden of the Parish wherein such Persons live, and of a Minister of an adjoining Parish, inserting therein the good State of Health, Age, and Title or Profession of the Parties proposed, his or her being House-keepers, paying Scot and Lot, and having been so for Six Months then past; together with an Affidavit (of the Person so to be admitted) to the same Effect, and also that he or she hath been in a good State of Health for Six Months then past.

V. That all and every Member and Members, or his, her, or their Nominee or Nominees, Assignee or Assignees, Party or Parties interested in any Policy or Policies, shall pay One Pound Eleven Shillings quarterly,

quarterly, on the Four most usual Quarter Days; but such who shall refuse or neglect to pay his, her, or their quarterly Payments within Thirty Days after each Quarter Day, shall forfeit to the Joint-stock of this Corporation for the first Quarter's refusal or neglect One Shilling; for Two successive Quarters, Three Shillings; for Three successive Quarters, Six Shillings; for Four successive Quarters, Twelve Shillings; and for Five successive Quarters, Twenty Shillings. And that no Quarteridges shall at any time hereafter be received, without Payment at the same time of all Forfeitures that shall hereafter become due, at the time of Payment of such Quarteridges; And that the Register for the time being, do, upon the First *Gazette* Day after *Lady Day* in every Year, or as soon after as may be, and within Forty Days after every other usual Quarter Day in every Year, publish in the *London Gazette* the Numbers of such Policies as shall be then in Arrear, one Year and one Quarter of a Year, in order for Exclusion at the Expiration of three Months then next (pursuant to the supplemental Charter) And that the Directors for the time being, do not declare the annual Dividends payable to the Claimants of this Corporation, upon the Deaths of their respective Members, until the Expiration of the said three Months notice, so to be given (as aforesaid) after every *Lady Day* in every Year; but that they do, as soon as conveniently they can (after the Expiration of the said three Months notice after *Lady Day*, as aforesaid) annually declare the said Dividends on such Numbers as shall then remain unexcluded.

Forfeitures Incurred on Non-payment thereof, within 30 Days after each Quarter Day.

Numbers of Policies 5 Quarters in Arrear to be published in *London Gazette*, in order for Exclusion at the Expiration of 3 Months then next.

Directors not to declare Annual Dividends to Claimants before the Expiration of the said 3 Months,

but as soon after as conveniently they can.

VI. That all Blank Numbers where Claims have been or shall be allowed, shall be subject to the same Payments and Exclusion, in the same Manner as Members and Contributors are or shall be; and that every Claimant and Claimants shall have power at any time after *Lady Day* next, after the Allowance or Approbation of his, her, or their Claim, and before his, her, or their Number or

Blank Numbers subject to Forfeitures and Exclusion in the same manner as filled up Policies.

Claimants to
allow out of
each Claim
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assign over to
the Corporation
on their Blank
Number in
lieu thereof.

Numbers shall be excluded for non-payment of his, her, or their Quarterly Payments, to nominate a new Member in the room of the deceas'd, agreeable to the second, third, and fourth By-laws: But on Neglect in such Claimant or Claimants, or Party or Parties interested therein, of making the said Quarterly Payments till a new Member is admitted, such Number or Numbers of such Claimant or Claimants, so neglecting, may and shall be absolutely excluded (pursuant to the supplemental Charter of this Corporation) in such manner as if a new Member or Members had been admitted on such Number or Numbers before such Neglect of Payments had happened: And that all and every Claimant or Claimants be obliged to allow out of his, her, or their Claims, on each Number Six Pounds and Fourteen Shillings, for Entrance of a Member in the room of the deceas'd, and for the succeeding Year's Quarterly Payments; unless any Claimant shall be desirous (in lieu of the said Six Pounds and Fourteen Shillings) to assign over to this Corporation his, her, or their Right and Title to the Number of such Policy or Policies, by which they shall receive their Claims: And all Blank Numbers, so assigned over to this Corporation, shall from the Time of such said Assignments be deemed sunk, and nothing shall be divided thereon towards the Payment of Claims until they shall have been reissued by this Corporation, and new Policies shall be made out thereon.

Proof of
Deaths by an
Affidavit and
Certificate,

to be pro-
duced within
40 Days after
Lady Day in
every Year.

VII. That an Affidavit of the Claimant (or some other reputable Person) of every Member's Death and also a Certificate under the Hands of the Rector, Vicar, or Curate (or Person officiating as such) and Parish Clerk, if any (or Person officiating as such) of the Parish where such Member is buried, be produced to the Court of Directors within Forty Days (at farthest) after Lady-Day in every Year (if the Person shall die in that Part of Great Britain called England) which shall be accepted for sufficient Pro

of such Member's Death ; unless any Doubt shall arise with the Directors therein, and in such Case, the Court of Directors shall make such Enquiry touching the Proof thereof, as they shall think proper, and thereupon make such Order therein as they shall think just : And that any Person claiming upon the Death of any Member dying out of that Part of *Great Britain* called *England*, do give sufficient Security to this Corporation, in the Penalty of Two Hundred Pounds at least for each Number (to be approved by the Directors) to indemnify this Corporation, besides such Evidence in such Cases, as the Directors shall think sufficient : And that every Member or Proprietor refusing or neglecting to produce and lay before the Court of Directors, such Affidavit and Certificate within the Time aforesaid, and refusing to make a voluntary Oath, that it was not in his or her Power to produce the same within the Time aforesaid, shall be intituled (in all Events) to no larger or greater Sum out of the current Year's Dividends, wherein such Affidavit shall be produced, than would have been either his or her Share or Dividend for the Year wherein such Member died ; but if the Dividend for the current Year shall be less than the Dividend for the Year wherein such Member died, in such Case, only an equal Proportion with the Members in the current Year. But in Case (by some unforeseen Accident, or by the wilful Default or Neglect of the Person to whom the Claim shall be due) it should happen that a Certificate of Burial, and an Affidavit of the Death of any Member, cannot or shall not be delivered to the Directors within Forty Days after every *Lady-Day* ; and it be notoriously known, or be otherwise made appear to the Satisfaction of the Court of Directors, that such Member is actually dead, such Claim shall not be postponed to the succeeding Year, but be deemed a Claim for the Year wherein such Member died, and the Money payable thereupon shall be retained in the Stock of this Corporation, until a regular Proof of such Death and Burial be made.

Upon Members dying beyond Sea; Claimants to give Security to the Corporation.

Infants Claim.
Guardians to
give Security.

VIII. That in Case of a Claim coming due to Infants, their Guardian or Guardians, or such other sufficient Person or Persons as the Directors for the time being shall approve, shall execute a Bond to this Corporation, in the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds (at least) for each Number, conditioned to indemnify this Corporation from any Demand of such Infant or Infants, his, her, or their Executors or Administrators, or any other Person or Persons whatsoever.

Double and
treble Policies.

IX. That all Members of this Corporation who are Contributors on their own Lives, and (not above the Age of Forty five) appearing in Person, may (with the Approbation of at least Seven of the Directors in their Court assembled) have Two or Three Numbers in one Policy, provided they deliver up Policies (either Blank or otherwise) to be cancelled, answering the Numbers applied for ; but if the Persons be above Forty five, then they shall deliver up subsisting Policies, whose Lives shall not be Five Years younger than their own : Which single Policy shall be entitled to as many Claims as there shall be Numbers therein contained ; and be subject to the Payments, Forfeitures, Exclusions, and all other Regulations for each of such Numbers, as if so many separate Policies had been granted.

Exchange of
Policies.

X. That any Contributor to this Corporation, desiring to exchange the Life of his Member (and being approved by at least Seven Directors then present) may have a new Policy granted in the room thereof on the Life of another Person (who shall be younger than the Member to be exchanged) upon delivering up the former Policy to be cancell'd, and the proposed Persons appearing at the Court of Directors.

Lost Policies.

XI. That in case any Policy be lost, a new one be granted by the Court of Directors, Oath of the Loss of such Policy being first made, and Security in the

the Penalty of 200*l.* at least for each Number being given, to indemnify this Corporation against any Damage that may happen thereby.

XII. That if a Policy be alledged to be lost, and a Claim made thereon, and the Member dead before Application made for, and a new Policy granted, such Claim shall not be paid, but retained in the Hands of the Corporation till the next succeeding Year after that wherein the same ought to be paid in Course: And in case no other Person (besides the Person first claiming) makes a Claim on the said Policy in such next succeeding Year, then upon Affidavit and Bond (as directed in the xith By-law) the Claim to be paid: But in case Two or more Persons claim on such Policy alledged to be lost, then the Claim thereon not to be paid till such Person or Persons shall have ascertained his, her, or their Right thereto, in a legal Manner, or to the Satisfaction of the Court of Directors for the time being.

Claims on lost Policies how to be paid.

XIII. That no excluded Policy be disposed of, or filled up, for the Benefit of this Corporation, but by the Consent and Approbation of Two successive General Courts.

Excluded Policies.

XIV. That a Register be kept of all Purchases made by this Corporation, and of all their Securities for Money lent; and that the same be lodged in the Office, for the Perusal of the Members and Contributors.

Register of Purchases.

XV. That a Register Book for registering Assignments of Policies of this Corporation be provided at the Expence of the Register; and that all Policies of this Corporation, and Blank Numbers whereon Claims have been or shall be paid, and which shall from and after the Twenty fifth Day of March, 1733. be assigned by any Member or Members, Nominee or Nominees of this Corporation,

Register of Assignments.

ration, shall therein be fairly entered and registered; for the Entry whereof shall be paid for each Number One Shilling to the Register : And that if such Assignment is not duly entred in the said Register Book within Six Kalendar Months after such Assignment made, That then out of the Claim on each Policy (so assigned), when the Claims shall happen, shall be deducted for the Use and Benefit of this Corporation, the Sum of Five Pounds, which shall be added to the Stock of this Corporation.

Capital Stock.

XVI. That no Part of the Capital Stock of this Corporation be divided without the Consent and Approbation of Two successive General-Courts; and that such Dividend be declared and ordered only at a General Court to be held annually on or after *Lady Day* (as appointed by the Charter) except the Dividend on Claims.

Dividend.

XVII. That no more than Thirty two Shillings *per Annum* be paid to each Contributor or Member on each Number, out of the Profits of this Corporation.

General Courts.

XVIII. That Four General Courts (at least) shall be held every Year within 35 Days after each Quarter Day; and that Three Days Notice in Writing be given of the holding of every such General Court at the House of every Member (being a Contributor on his or her own Life, and that shall be publicly known to live within the Bills of Mortality) and also in the *London-Gazette*, at least Six Days before any Quarterly or other General-Court be held : And that the Minute Book of the Directors, and also the Alphabet and Numerical Book, be constantly brought and laid upon the Table at every General-Court.

Ballot at General Court.

XIX. That upon a Question put and seconded at any General-Court, demanding a Ballot, the Names of the Persons (who are qualified to vote either

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tant, to answer and pay the necessary Disbursements of this Corporation, as shall from time to time be ordered by the Court of Directors for the time being, not exceeding 500 l. at any one time; and that the Directors do not lock up in the Chest any Notes, but Bank or Exchequer Bills.

XXVI. That the Directors for the time being, ^{Committee of Directors.} or the major part of them, assembled at each of their Courts, shall from time to time appoint a Committee of Three of their own Body, with each of whom a Key of the Iron Chest shall be lodged until the then next Court of Directors; and that the said Committee shall attend, at the Office of this Corporation, at least Three several Days between the Twentieth and Thirtieth Days after each Quarter Day, to take in such Cash as shall then be receiv'd by the Register, Receiver or Accomptant, and lock the same up in the said Chest; and also from the Time the Claims are appointed to be paid, a like Committee shall attend at the Office of this Corporation twice a Week (at least) from Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon 'till One, during the Space of One Month, for Payment of the same; of which their Days of Attendance, Notice in Writing shall be publickly affix'd by the Register at the Door of the said Office. And in case any Director, so to be appointed, shall refuse or neglect to attend accordingly, by himself or some other Director, he shall forfeit his Office of Director, and another shall be chosen in his room by the Directors at their next Court.

XXVII. That all successive Directors of this Corporation shall, within one Month after they shall be sworn into that Office, enquire into the State and Condition of the Security of the Register, Receiver, ^{Directors annually to inspect the Security of the Register,} or Accomptant of this Corporation, and enter in the Minutes of their Court, how they find the same to be: And that this By-law be read at every General Court of this Corporation, whereat Directors are to be elected.

XXVIII. That

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XXVIII. That the Directors do take care to deliver over to the succeeding Directors the Auditors Accompts, together with the Cash and Securities of this Corporation, immediately after their being sworn in.

Seal of Cor-
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XXIX. That the Seal of this Corporation be not affixed to any Instrument whatsoever, without the Consent of Seven Directors, specified under their Hands ; neither shall the Seal of this Corporation be affixed to any Instrument whatsoever, until such Instrument be read and approved at Two successive Courts of Directors ; (Policies and Powers of Attorney for voting or for the receiving of Money, and Acceptance and transferring Stock, excepted.)

Auditors

XXX. That Five Members of this Society, Contributors on their own Lives, be annually chosen Auditors of this Society by balloting, at the General Quarterly Court next after that at which the Directors are chosen : And that no more than Three of the Auditors of the preceding Year shall be chosen for the Year ensuing.

To present
Quarterly
Accounts.

XXXI. That the Auditors for the time being, do lay before every General Quarterly Court next after *Midsummer*, *Michaelmas*, and *Christmas*, in every Year, the Quarterly current Accounts of this Corporation ; and do likewise lay before the General-Court next after *Lady-day*, in every Year, an Account of all the Receipts and Payments of this Corporation for the preceding Year ; and also an Account of the Stocks and Securities thereof in the most distinct manner ; for which End they shall inspect the Society's Books, and may inspect the Securities and Cash of this Corporation upon any Court Day, and make their Report from such Inspections, and not by Information ; and every Auditor who shall refuse voluntarily to make Oath of the Truth of such said Accounts, such Person shall for ever after be disqualified

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qualified to be elected into, hold or execute the Office of an Auditor of this Corporation.

XXXII. That the Directors do deliver out printed Receipts at their Courts to the Register, Receiver, or Accomptant, by Tale, and that the Auditors do state and sign a Balance of such Receipts, and of the Cash in the Chest, and in the Hands of the said Register, Receiver, or Accomptant, upon the Day preceding the Meeting of every Court of Directors.

Directors to
issue Receipts
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Auditors to
balance them.

XXXIII. That the Directors for the time being shall not admit any Person into the Office of Register, Receiver, or Accomptant of this Corporation, but who shall give good Security for the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds at least, to the Satisfaction of the Court of Directors; and that such Register, Receiver, or Accomptant, before he shall enter on the said Office, shall take the Oath already appointed and used to be taken by such Register, Receiver, or Accomptant, before the Directors, or the major part of them, at their Court, together with an Addition thereto, to the Effect following, *viz.* *That he will not knowingly make, or to his Knowledge or Power permit or suffer to be made, any false Entry or Entries in any of the Book or Books of this Corporation, but will duly enter or cause to be enter'd all Money received and paid by him or any other Person by his Order, or with his Privy, for the Use of this Society, and will not conceal the same, or any Part thereof, from the Directors or Auditors;* which said Oath shall be reduced into Writing, and signed by such Register, Receiver, or Accomptant, and certified by the Chairman of such Court of Directors to have been sworn by the said Officer.

Register to
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XXXIV. That if any Officer, or other Person whatsoever intrusted with the Cash or Securities of this Corporation, shall for the future embezzle or mis-apply

Embezzlement
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apply the said Cash or Securities ; then such Officer or other Person intrusted shall be forthwith prosecuted at Law by the Court of Directors for the time being, and that neither the said Persons nor their Sureties shall ever be compounded with, or a less Sum accepted than the whole Debt, without the Consent of a General-Court.

Directors disqualified on the Register's embezzling more than he gives Security for.

XXXV. That if any Loss shall happen to this Corporation by Embezzlement or Misapplication of its Cash by the Register, Receiver, or Accomptant, beyond the Sum for which Security shall be taken from him (pursuant to the Thirty Third By-law) that then and in such case the Directors, in whose Time such Loss shall happen, shall for ever after be disabled from being elected into, holding or exercising any Office whatsoever in this Corporation ; provided the Sum or Sums, which shall be so embezzled or misapplied by the said Officer, shall appear by the Report of the Auditors in the Minute Book of the Court of Directors to have been in such Officers Hands for the Space of Fifteen Days.

List of Members, with 24th By-law to be printed annually.

XXXVI. That the Register for the time being, at least one Month before *Lady-Day* in every Year, shall make out an Alphabetical List of all the Members of this Corporation contributing on their own Lives, in the best and most exact manner that may be, from the Books and Entries of this Corporation, and within the same time lay such List before the Auditors for the time being ; and that the said Auditors, within Fourteen Days after the Receipt thereof, shall carefully examine and compare the same with the Books and Entries of this Corporation, and certify to the Court of Directors that they have so done, and that the same appears to them to be a true and exact List of the Members of this Corporation contributing on their own Lives : And that the Directors for the time being shall thereupon order the said List to be forthwith printed, with the Twenty Fourth By-law at the End thereof, and left at the

office, ready to be distributed to the Members of this Corporation, for their Directions and Government Elections and other Affairs relating to this Corporation.

XXXVII. That every Person who shall hereafter borrow Money of this Corporation in part of his, or their Claims, shall give the usual Bond, but condition'd to pay lawful Interest for the same until the First Day that shall be appointed for the Payment of Claims. ^{Money borrow^d ed on Claims.}

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